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Annual Report



OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

FOR THE

Mitford and Launditch
Rural District Council.

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MITFORD & LAUNDITCH RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT

Report for 1925.

1. GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (Acres)	...	...	...	...	102,371
Population (1925)	...	...	...	...	18,010
Number of inhabited houses (1925)	...	...	...	...	4,099
Number of families or separate occupiers	...	...	...	...	4,103
Rateable value	...	...	...	...	£120,935
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	...	...	...	£298

2. EXTRACTS FROM THE VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

		Males.	Females.	Total.
BIRTHS	Legitimate	137	135	272
	Illegitimate	8	10	18
		145	145	290

Birth Rate (R.G.) 16·10 per 1,000 population.

The birth rate for the seven years since the war, compared with that for a corresponding period thirty years ago, shows that the average rate is now 19·84 compared with 26·43 at that time.

	Rate per 1,000 pop.		Rate per 1,000 pop.
1919	19·88	1889	30·4
1920	28·19	1890	26·2
1921	21·24	1891	27·7
1922	19·52	1892	28·9
1923	16·96	1893	26·5
1924	17·01	1894	25·03
1925	16·10	1895	20·3

The birth rate in 1925 for England and Wales was 18·3

Deaths of Infants under one year of age :—

Legitimate—16 Illegitimate—2 Total—18

The following table shows the improvement in the infantile mortality figures during recent years as compared with thirty years ago :—

	Total deaths under 1			Total deaths under 1	
1921	...	20	1891	...	85
1922	..	28	1892	...	47
1923	...	18	1893	...	68
1924	...	22	1894	...	62
1925	...	18	1895	...	56
Total for 5 years		<u>106</u>	Total for 5 years		<u>318</u>

The death rate of infants under one year of age per 1,000 births was 62·06. This compares with a rate of 75 for England and Wales (1925).

		Males.	Females.	Total.
DEATHS (all ages)	...	108	117	225

Death Rate—12·48 per 1,000 population.

The death rate in 1925 for England and Wales was 12·2

Deaths of persons over 70 years of age :—

			Males.	Females.	Total.
70-80	...	...	27	23	50
80-90	...	...	23	32	55
90-100	...	...	3	8	11
Over 100	...	...	<u>—</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
			<u>53</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>117</u>

It is a notable feature of the death returns that no less than 52 per cent. of the total number of deaths was of persons over 70 years of age. The death rate of infants under one year of age continues to fall. Until 20 years ago the average rate was about double the figure for the year under review.

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CAUSES OF DEATH

	Males	Females	Total
Heart Disease	17	21	38
Cancer (malignant disease) ...	13	17	30
Cerebral Hæmorrhage, &c. ...	9	11	20
Arterio-sclerosis	5	8	13
Tuberculosis (respiratory system) ...	9	3	12
Bronchitis	6	5	11
Pneumonia (all forms)	7	4	11
Nephritis (acute and chronic) ...	4	4	8
Congenital Debility, Malformation, Premature Birth, &c- ...	4	4	8
Influenza	4	3	7
Deaths from Violence	3	1	4
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum ..	3	—	3
Tuberculosis (non-respiratory) ...	2	1	3
Diabetes	—	3	3
Appendicitis	3	—	3
Suicide	—	2	2
Rhematic Fever	—	1	1
Whooping Cough	—	1	1
Infantile Diarrhœa	1	—	1
Other Defined Diseases	17	26	43
Causes ill-defined or unknown ...	2	1	3
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Heart Disease and Cancer continue to be the two chief causes of death. This has been so in all the years since the war.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR

Age of Patient, in years—				0	1	5	15	25	5	65	total
				1	5	15	25	45	65	and over	
Scarlet Fever	..	..	..	—	2	15	—	—	—	—	17
Diphtheria	..	..	..	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	3
Pneumonia	..	..	..	—	2	4	1	1	3	—	11
Erysipelas	..	..	..	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	3
Encephalitis Lethargica (age not traced)				—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Tuberculosis (pulmonary) Males	..			—	—	2	2	5	—	1	10
„ „ Females	..			—	—	—	2	1	2	1	6
„ (non-pulmonary) Males	..			—	—	5	—	—	—	—	5
„ „ Females	..			1	—	3	1	1	—	—	6

DEATHS FROM NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR

Age of Patient, in years—				0	1	5	15	25	45	65	total
				1	5	15	25	45	65	and over	
Pneumonia	..	..	..	1	—	1	—	—	4	4	10
Tuberculosis (respiratory) Males	..			—	—	—	2	1	4	2	9
„ „ Females	..			—	—	—	1	—	2	—	3
„ (non-respiratory) Males	..			—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
„ „ Females	..			—	—	—	1	—	1	—	2

Of the three cases of Diphtheria notified, one was a doubtful case, as the throat swab proved to be negative.

4. NON-NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES DURING THE YEAR.

The following cases of non-notifiable infectious diseases were recorded by the school teachers :—

MEASLES

Lyng...	...	May	1
Scarning	...	March, April	2
Whissonsett	...	January	1
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INFLUENZA

Beeston	...	January...	21
Beetley	...	January, February, April	23
Cranworth	...	February	14
Dunham Little	...	May, June	...	...	15
Elsing	...	January, February	...	...	32
Fransham Little	...	January, February	...	...	32
Guist	...	March	...	...	7
Lexham East	...	January, February, March	...	...	26
Lyng...	...	January	...	...	35
Mattishall	...	January	...	...	33
Mileham	...	January	...	...	9
Reymerstone	...	February, March	...	...	9
Scarning	...	January, February	...	...	12
Tuddenham East	...	January, February, March	34
Tuddenham North	...	January, February	12
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MUMPS

Brisley	...	May	3
Great Dunham	...	January	1
Elsing	...	November	3
Little Fransham	...	February, March, April	36
Great Fransham	...	February	...	...	2

MUMPS—continued.

Litcham	...	...	Jany., Febry., March, April	68
Mattishall	...	...	January, February	3
Mileham	..	...	January, February, March	38
Reymerstone	...	...	March, May	6
Scarning	...	...	January, February	17
Swanton Morley	...	...	January, February	5
Tittleshall	..	...	March, April	17
East Tuddenham	...	...	October	1
Weasenhams	March, April, May, June	35
Wendling	Jany., Febry., March, April	20
Whinbergh	Jany., Mar., May, June, July	11
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CHICKEN POX

Colkirk	September	17
Dunham Great	June	9
Dunham Little	June	1
Elsing	...	...	July	6
Lexham East	...	...	July	1
Lyng	...	...	June, July	1
Mattishall	...	...	October, November	2
Mileham	...	...	June	4
Reymerstone	May, June, July	8
Swanton Morley	October, November	14
Whissonsett	March	2
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WHOOPIING COUGH

Beetley	April, May	1
Bintree	August, September, October	10
Litcham	October	1
Lyng	March	7
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SORE THROAT

Dunham Little	...	May	1
Tuddenham East	...	May, June, September	3
Tuddenham North	...	October	4
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SKIN AFFECTIONS

Elsing	Impertigo	2
Lexham East	Ringworm	1
Mileham	„	3
Tuddenham East	Impertigo	3
Wendling	„	4
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CLOSURE OF SCHOOLS

INFLUENZA

Bawdeswell	...	January 28th to January 30th	...	3 days
„	...	January 31st to February 6th	...	7 „
Beetley	...	February 9th to February 13th	...	5 „
Billingford	...	January 29th to February 6th	...	8 „
Brisley	...	January 23rd to January 30th	...	8 „
N. Elmham	..	February 5th to February 6th	...	2 „
„	..	February 7th to February 13th	...	7 „
Elsing	...	February 2nd to February 6th	...	5 „
„	...	February 7th to February 13th	...	7 „
L. Fransham		February 4th to February 6th	...	3 „
„	...	February 7th to February 13th	...	7 „
Garvestone	...	February 9th to February 13th	...	5 „
Hockering	...	February 9th to February 13th	...	5 „
„	...	February 19th to February 20th...	...	2 „
Litcham	...	February 13th to February 20th...	...	8 „
Lyng	...	January 23rd to January 30th	...	8 „
„	...	January 31st to February 6th	...	7 „
Mattishall	...	January 19th to January 23rd	...	5 „
„	...	January 24th to January 30th	...	7 „

CLOSURE OF SCHOOLS (INFLUENZA)—continued.

Mileham	... January 21st to January 23rd	...	3 days
Reymerstone	March 4th to March 6th	...	3 „
„	... March 9th to March 13th	...	5 „
Swanton Morley	March 9th to March 13th	...	5 „
E. Tuddenham	January 16th to January 23rd	...	8 „
N. Tuddenham	February 6th to February 13th	...	7 „
Whinbergh	... March 9th to March 13th	...	5 „
Yaxham	... January 26th January 30th	...	5 „

MUMPS

Litcham	... March 2nd to March 13th	...	12 „
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6. LABORATORY INVESTIGATIONS.

The following bacteriological examinations have been made at the County Laboratory:—

		Positive.	Negative.	Total.
Diphtheria	...	2	40	42

Diphtheria Antitoxin is supplied by the Council under the supervision of the M.O.H. Other Sera or Vaccines are supplied when required.

7. SANITARY ADMINISTRATIONS.

The following is a brief summary of the work carried out by the Sanitary Inspector:—

Number of Slaughter Houses registered or licensed	...	38
„ Cowsheds and Dairies	... ..	153
„ Bakehouses	... ..	27
„ Licensed Horse Slaughterers	... ..	4

SANITARY ADMINISTRATIONS—continued.

Inspections of places where food is prepared	...	291
„ Slaughter Houses	... ..	323
„ Cowsheds and Dairies	... ..	91
„ Bakehouses	... ..	89
„ Horse Slaughterers' Premises	...	50
Re-inspection of Premises under notice	... ..	273
Consultations with Owners, &c., at Defective Houses		95
Supervision of Building Work	... ..	303
Plans of Improvements submitted	... ..	11
Plans of New Houses submitted	... ..	8
Meat Condemned as unfit for human consumption—		
	3 ton, 7 cwt., 4 st.	
Carcases & parts of carcasses Condemned for tuberculosis		16
Number of Disinfections	... ..	33
Prosecutions under Public Health Act, 1875	...	2
Statutory Notices served	... ..	21
Informal Notices served	... ..	62
Letters written	... ..	91

COWSHEDS.—During the year seven persons were registered as Cowkeepers and one new cowshed constructed.

PROSECUTIONS.—Of the two Prosecutions under the Public Health Act, 1875, one was in respect of the unsatisfactory flooring and draining of a cowshed. A specification of the work considered necessary was sent in at defendant's request, but was only carried out after the case had been twice adjourned. The second concerned insufficient privy accommodation in four cottages. Here again, the case was twice adjourned, but eventually the existing vault closets were converted into pail closets in a satisfactory manner.

8. PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

The Public Health Staff of the Council consists of a part-time Medical Officer of Health and a whole-time Sanitary Inspector, who is also a certified Inspector of meat and other foods.

9. HOUSING.

Number of new houses erected during the year:—

(a) State aided	...	...	9
(b) Without State aid	...	...	3
			— 12

Total number of houses erected up till the end of 1925 under the Subsidy Scheme	22
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1—*Unfit Dwelling-houses.*

Inspection—(1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 2349

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910 8

(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 6

(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the previous sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 7

2—*Remedy of Defects without Service of formal Notice.*

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers 7

HOUSING—continued.

3—*Action under Statutory Powers: A.—Proceedings under section 28 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c. Act, 1919*

- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... Nil
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit :—
 - (a) By Owners ... Nil
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of Owners ... Nil
- (3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intentions to close Nil

B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... 92
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied :—
 - (a) By Owners ... 73
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of Owners ... Nil

C.—Proceedings under sections 17 and 18 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c. Act, 1909.

Closing Orders made	4
Demolition Orders made	1

The remaining house of the six included in paragraph 1 sub-heading (3) remains unoccupied.

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